ter; Away to the window I flew like a flash. Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

he moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, ave the lustre of mid-day to objects below; 'hen, what to my wondering eyes should appear at a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, 'the a little old driver, so lively and quick, knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

name: 'Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!

witch: met! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen— top of the porch! to the top of the wall! lash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As I drew in my head, and was turning around Down the chimney St. Nicholas came wit scot; adle of toys he had flung on his back, he looked like a peddler just openi

herry! seks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; oil little mouth was drawn up like a bow, he beard on his chin was as white as the snow; tump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, the smoke it encircled his head like a wro He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full

jelly, jelly, was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, I Hanghed when I saw him in spite of myself, duk of his eye, and a twist of his head, in gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

lerk,
d laying his finger aside of his nose,
d giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
d away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

BY MARY E. C. WYETH. Ir was Christmas Eve all over the

Ir was Christmas Eve all over the world. In a thousand homes loving hearts, happy or sad, were filled with thoughts of kindness, and sympathy, and love. Busy hands were weaving offerings for the morrow, and busy feet were hastening homeward to cheerful, waiting firesides. In a pleasant homestead a young girl of sixteen was busily engaged in adding the finishing touches to some dainty bit of workmanship. She formed a pretty picture lerself, as she sat curled up in the deep window sill, where the fire-light, brightening in the twilight, flashed its warm color over her shining flashed its warm color over her shining flashed its warm color over her shining hair and delicate cheek. Her soft, dark eyes shone with the subdued but earnest light, and the lithe figure managed the dainty material of her work with a grace-ful deft manipulation attractive to the belder. The beholder was a gray-haired man, who occupied the great arm-chair in the window corner of the fireplace, and who leaned upon his cane and watched the pretty maiden, fair young Rosamond, at her work, and smiled to think how like she was another Rosamond he had known, and loved, and buried, in the years so

long gone by.

"Keep good watch, Grandpa," said the fresh young voice. "Don't let anybody send along your side 'unbeknownst,' as Biddy says. I'm so afraid papa will steal a march on me. I wouldn't have him see this for a good deal. Isn't it a beauty? Won't he be pleased with it? Come now, Grandie, dear, don't look so solemn and owlish. It's Christmas Eve. What are

owlish. It's Christmas Eve. What are you thinking of so deeply ?"

The old man looked up and smiled.

"I was thinking, Rosie, of how good and how pleasant it is to have Christmas come, and to have one day in all the year on which there is much good will. I was thinking how all these love gifts that we make to each other, and all the kind feelings we have toward one another, go to form a precious love gift to the Lord of Christmas. Indeed, the 'peace on earth and good will to man' that prevails on Christmas Day is the 'Glory to God in the Highest.'"

lanched just as I popped under the eaves
—hence my costchume. I don't care. It's
Christmas Eve, and I've earned fifty cents
carrying bundles, and have got two jobs
I think it must recommend itself to the procarrying bundles, and have got two jobs for to-morrow. We'll have a Christmas supper, if we don't have plum-pudding and turkey dinner."

"Sh—sh," interrupted his sister. "Get off your coat and come to tea. We've elegant roset potatoes and toast."

I think it must recommend itself to the profession, not only on account of its intrinsic worth, but also by its great convenience, being so readily obtained. I am not aware that any mention has been made thus far of this article in this connection, and I have a Christmas supper, if we don't have plum-pudding and turkey dinner."

gant roast potatoes and toast." Somehow the brave, cheery boy, and the equally bright and brave sister, made the homely room seem almost radiant, and the sad-eyed father and patient moth-

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in God. Let us sing a hymn of praise Our home will be sold next week, but we can celebrate our last Christmas in the dear old place with a pleasant sound of carols, can't we?" When Rosamond went from her grandfather she sought her own room to put

by her little treasure. "A love-gift to the Lord of Christmas," she repeated to herself. "That is beautiful—but I have no such gift. None of mine are meant for Him. I never think such good and holy thoughts of myself." She glanced over the array of presents she had with such interest prepared. "Something for every one who likely to give me something," she said aloud, "And I'd never a thought of any one else. Christ's birthday, and no gift for Christ.

At the table Rosamond's father said: "I heard to-day that the Minturn cot-tage is to be sold next week under a mortgage. Minturn's been unfor tunate lately—out of employment o long. It will go hard with him to lose his home. It won't bring over eight hun-dred dellars at auction, and the mortgage calls for three hundred more. The interest and costs will consume another hunred. He won't have much left."
"What a pity," said Mrs. Gale; "such good man, and such a nice family.

Can't something be done,"
"I don't see what," said Mr. Gale. "He asked me to lend him four hundred dol-lars and take a mortgage, but I couldn't just now. It's too near the close of the year. I need the money in my business,"
"It's too bad," said Mrs. Gale. "Poor

Minturns. How sad they must be to-night. It quite spoils my Christmas." After tea Grandpa called Rosamond in-

to the library.
"Come, Rosie," he said, "what am I to do? It's too hard for our neighbor Minturn to lose his home this way. I could help him by making a little sacri-

"Oh do help him then," said Rosa "But if I do, somebody must needs do without the Christmas present I intended to bestow." "Well, Grandpa, who would be so sel-

fish as to care?"
"I am afraid my little Rosie will,"
said Grandpa, "My one gift is intended
for her, and it is to cost just four hundred dollars. I have selected it, and in-

tend buying it to-night and having it sent up in the morning—unless, indeed"—
"Oh, Grandpa! a present for me to cost four hundred dollars! Is it—is it a new piano? Oh, you dear, beautiful grandpa. Just what I had so longed for. My old, worn-out hurdy-gurdy is a real trial to me."

me."
She had quite forgotten everything and everybody save the much wished for piano and the generous and doting grandfather. Suddenly she recollected.
"Oh, Grandpa," she said, "1 understand you now. Either I must give up the piano or the Minturns must give up their home."

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Since then, on several occasions I have had

hope that others will find it as useful their practice as the writer has.

General News Summary.

CONGRESSIONAL. In the Senate, on the 11th, Mr. Sumner. at his own request, was relieved from the Chairmanship of the Committee on Privileges and Elec-tions... Petitions were presented and referred, tions... Petitions were presented and referred, asking for a repeal of the duty on salt... Bills and resolutions were introduced—For deepening the St. Clair Flats Canal to sixteen feet—referred; for the sale of the Kansas Indian lands, etc.—referred; providing for the adjournment of Congress on the third Monday in May, 1872—laid over; to restore the records of the United States Courts in the Northern District of Illinois, and also for the relief of the United States Marshal of that district—referred; legalizing the issue of goods, blatkets, etc., by the Secretary of War to the Chicago sufferers... A dehate was had on a motion for the consideration of a resolution directing the Milltary Committee to inquire into the defalcation of Paymaster Hodge, pending which the Senate adjourned.

ing which the Senate adjourned In the House, on the 11th, bills and joint resolutions were intivilited-to carry out the Treaty of Washington; for a general amnesty,

In the Senate, on the 12th, the House resolution to adjourn over from December 21 to January 8, was concurred in . . . At his own request ator Morton was relieved from his position on Senator Morton was relieved from his position on the Committee of Agriculture... A bill was introduced appropriating \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying balances that may be found due under the act to indemnify States for war expenditures. The resolution for final adjournment on the third Monday in May was called up, and a motion was made that there be no adjournment until after the passage of a bill securing "equal rights, without distinction of race or color."... Executive session and adjournment.

In the House, on the 12th, various bills were introduced and referred, among them one for holding a United States District Court at Toledo, O.; granting 500,000 acres of public land for levee-O.; granting 500,000 acres of public land for leveeing the Mississippi River in Kentucky and Tennessee; for a United States public building at Memphis, Tenn.; for the better detection and prevention of fraud in the naval service... Resolutions of the Tennessee Legislature for a systematic plan of meteorological observations and crop reports, were presented and referred... Resolutions were adopted—directing an investigation into the management of various Executive Departments; instructing the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain and report whether any of the National Banks in New York were interested or concerned in promoting an artificial scarcity of money... Bills were passed—consolidating the Postal laws; for relief of purchasers of land sold for taxes in insurrectionary States... A bill was reported from the Judiciary Committee, and postponed to the second Wednesday of January, fixing the first Monday of November, 1872, as the time for the Presidential

Ohristmas Day is the 'Glory to God in the Highest, we mustn't be selfish on Christmas Lie Highest, which is a grown of the Highest, and the which he says he killed his father the Highest, and the which he says he killed his father the Highest, and the which he says he killed his father the Highest, and the which he says he killed his father the Highest, and the which he says he killed his father the Highest, and the which he says he killed his father the Highest, and the wholes, and the Highest, and the wholes, and the Highest, and the wholes he was a several winesses who testified on the speak and his manner dejected his (Johns) mother. He accuses several winesses who testified on the speak and his manner dejected his (Johns) mother. He accuses several winesses who testified on the speak and his manner dejected the God his manner dejected the dealth of the says he killed his father the calcium the speak and his manner dejected the speak and his manner dejected the world, "said Grandpa girl" was kneeling will be seen that the speak and his manner dejected the development of the world," said Grandpa girl, "the beautiful home, another father entered the dealth of the says he killed his father the was a self-and and represented his (Johns) mother. He accuses several winesses who testified on the speak and the speak and the speak and the speak and his manner dejected the declaration on the seath of the seather o

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In the House, on the 15th, a bill Chicago. The Governor protests against was reported from the Committee on Appropriations, debated at length and passed, authorizing the Section 1.

THE OLD WORLD.

In his message to the French Assembly, which was read on the 7th, President Thiers deplores the indebtedness of the country, but says it is due to the machinations of the Emperor Napoleon. He advocates the establishment of a general compulsory military service in war time, and proposes the limitation of the annual contingent to 90,000 men in time of peace. He says France sympathizes with the Pope in the maintenance of his spiritual independence, and will, in case of need, give the Holy Father a vigorous

support. A Paris dispatch of the 10th says there was a complete disagreement between President Thiers and the Orleans Princes, respecting the right of the latter to their seats in the

A special dispatch from London on the Treaty of Washington; for a general amnesty, without exception; proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to make naturalized citizens eligible for the office of President or Vice-President; appropriating \$100,000 for United States buildings at Covington, Ky.; to restore the records of the United States for United States of United States at Covington, Ky.; to restore the records of the United States for United States at Covington, Ky.; to restore the records of the United States of United States at Covington, Ky.; to restore the records of the United States of United States at Covington, Ky.; to restore the records of the United States of United States at their only by direct fax on property, to be assumed no power to raise taxes by Imports or excise, but only by direct fax on property, to be assumed to the Constitution, by which Congress should have no power to raise taxes by Imports or excise, but only by direct fax on property, to be assumed to the Constitution prohibiting the intermarriage of the American Government is likely to affect to provide for the education of white and colored buildings at Kahsas City; proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the intermarriage of the United States public buildings in the late war; to extend the time for completing the Military Road in Michigan; for United States public buildings in Denver City; to facilitate intercommunication and promote a cheap and uniform system of railroad transportation in all parts of the United States and Territories. The concurrent resolution for adjourned a cheap and uniform system of railroad transportation in all parts of the United States and Territories. The concurrent resolution for adjourned and the time for completing the Military Road in Michigan; for United States public buildings at Kahsas City; proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the intermarriage of the Hornet, the Florida, and other privateers. A bill was reported and passed, appropriating states to provide for the education of white and 11th says: "The question of the alleged with rezard to Cuba was discussed in a coundid with off the Council, dispatches were sent to the Spanish Minister at Washington which are said to contain important instructions respecting the attitude of the United States toward Spain in Cuban affairs. The course of the American Government is likely to affect the Abbama claims in the Genera Conference, by furnishing a precedent in favor of the British Government in the cases of the American Government in the cases of the American Government in the cases of the Conference, by furnishing a precedent in favor of the British Government in the cases of the Conference of t

days. On the 11th the Governor instructed the State Treasurer not to pay the members. It was rumored at midnight that the President would support the Governor against

the Legislature. A Washington special to the New York Times of the 13th says that Vice-President Colfax has informed many prominent Republicans, who have questioned him on the subject, that he cannot withdraw his refusal to be considered a candidate for renomina-

It was reported in Washington on the 13th that General Schenck, our Minister to England, having accomplished his purpose with reference to the Treaty of Washington, and regarding his personal interest here as imperative, had requested the President to name his successor, and call him home.

The New Hampshire Democratic State Convention met at Concord on the 13th, and renominated James A. Weston as candidate for Governor. Henry Calory was nominated for Railroad Commissioner. The suspension of the Eighth National

Claims—Blair, of Mich.; Strong, of Ct.; Buckley, of Ala.; Holman, of Ind.; Smith, of N. Y.; Frye, of Me.; Foster, of O.; Harris, of Va.; Foster, of of Me.; Foster, of O.; Harris, of Va.; Foster, of Pa.

Commerce—Shellabarger, of O.; Sawyer, of Whs.;
Lynch, of Me.; Conger, of Mich.; Sheldon, of La.;
Negley, of Pa.; S. Holman, of Ind.; Hambleton, of
Mt.; Townsend, of N. Y.

Public Lamits—Ketchum, of N. Y.; Townsend, of
Pa.; Hawley, of Ill.; Kellogg, of Conn.; Dunnell,
of Minn.; Husk, of Wis.; McCornick, of Mo.;
Ritchie, of Md.; Slater, of Oregon.

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Hill, of N. J.; Twichell, of Mass.; Tyner, of Ind.;
Raudall, of Pa.; Porter, of Va.; Houghton, of Cal.;
Van Trump, of O.; Carroll, of N. Y.

Manufactures—Burdett, of Mo.; Ames, of Mass.;
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Agriculture—Wilson, of O.: Hays, of Ala.; Ilavens, of Mo.; Lampert, of N. Y.; Speer, of Ga.; Hazelton, of N. A.; Haldeman, of Pa.; Garrett, of Tenn.; Crossland, of Ky.

Indian Agains—Shanks, of Ind.; Burdett, of Mo.; Smith, of O.: Averill, of Minn.; Creeley, of Pa.; Edwards, of Ark.; Adams, of Ky.

Military Affairs—Coburn, of Ind.; Stoughton, of Mich.; Hay, of Ill.; Donnan, of Iowa; Morey, of La.; Harris, of Miss.; Slocum, of N. Y.; Campbell, of O.; Terry, of Va.

Milita—Sheldon, of La.; Sprague, of O.; Twichell, of Mass.; Walls, of Fla.; Rusk, of Wis.; Conner, of Tex.; Blair, of Mo.; Acker, of Pa.; Tuthill, of N. Y.

District of Columbia—Starkweather, of Conn.;

they are having amateur theatricals on a small scale, as you listen to a conversation between them. The teacher, advanc-

they came to this school they could not speak? and that had they been sent to one of the ordinary schools, provided for children of their class, they would have remained dumb as well as deaf for life? The exercises which they are being put through are to show their proficiency in speech, and their quickness, in compare.

Their pursuer whilpped his horse after they are being and their quickness, in compare.

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Their pursuer whilpped his horse after they are being and when, a few years ago, the right was repurchased by the present proprietor, it was assessed at £5,000 a year.

"Sarah, have any of those mischevious children been playing with the piano while I have been out of town? Some of the keys won't sound at all." Sarah he bimoley room seem almost radiant, and the sad-eyed father and patient mount of patient mount of the sad-eyed father and patient mount of the sad-eyed father and patient mount of the sad-eye father and the sade for life; and all that the deeling sixth of the sad-eye father and the patient of the sad-eye father and the sade for life; and all that the sade father can be sade and patient mount of the sad-eye father and the sade and patient mount of the sade of the sade and patient mount of the sade of the sade and patient mount of the sade of the sade and patient mount of the sade of the sade and patient mount of the sade of the sade and p

NO. 6. mie on the table," etc. They all watch the little reader's lips intently, and at the end of each sentence up go several little hands. The owner of one is selected, and he trots off with an air of gratified selfportance to bring the book, or to put mmic on the desk, as the case may be, us showing that he has understood what his classmate has just said. Jem-mie, when lifted upon the desk, where he stands half timidly, half proudly, facing the company, turns out to be a tiny fellow of only five years, with large blue eyes, sunny hair, and a very resolute mouth and chin. The children then take turns

to write on the black-board sentences spoken by their teacher. In a higher class, which is next mar-shaled upon the platform, there is one little maiden who lost hearing when three years old. She has been under instruction here four years, and she speaks as well as any hearing child of her age, though when she first came she had lost speech entirely, but for the instruction she has received she would never have spoken again. A young girl of nineteen is in this class, who is a congenital mute, and never received any instruction until she came to school here, her friends preferring to keep her at home and communicate with her by natural signs. She has been here two years, and now she speaks so as to be understood, has almost dropped the habit of using signs, and reads the lips better than she talks. Another noticeable case is a colored boy of ten, who became deaf at four years of age, and was not sent to school before being placed here some six months ago. He has never lost speech, owing, probably, to unusual care on the part of his mother. He has improved greatly since being here, and talks very well; but it is amusing to see how the African peculiarities in pronunciation will sometimes crop out in his talk; and he has all the marked partiality of the race for making himself conspicuous-its easy, good-natured, silly conceit, and tency to take things easy-its impulsive quickness of retaliation and swiftly-chang-ging moods—but he is no inggard with his sons, and delights to learn. Some one having asked him how old he was, he replied in a loud, distinct voice, addressing the whole company, and not one whit abashed, that he would be ten years old next "Jinnovary." He further informed the sudience, with a grin, that he lived in Lennox—which he pronounced "Lenx," very short—"on the right hand side of very short—"on the right hand side of the road." This happens to be the home of the Lieutenant-Governor of the State. of the Lieutenant-Governor of the State,

who was sitting not far away. The children in this class were put to writing out words from dictation on the

held up by their teacher. This was done to show their fluency in written language.

They were also exercised in sums in mulschools, and absurd whims of every de-

A Race for a Wife.

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brother rushed for his buggy and started in hot pursuit. It was the fastest mile race ever witnessed at the county seat, and both Fairfield and Suisun turned out en masse to witness it. Whip lashes cracked, wheels spun like tops, and the gravel on that would-be macadamized road flew from the horses' feet like hallstones. The lovers came out ahead and rushed for the justice's office without delay. Their pursuer followed hard after, and tried to prevent the performance of the ceremony, but his expostulations were of no avail. A few brief words made the two one, and the baffled brother sadly returned to his the baffled brother sadly returned to his team and drove back to Vallejo. Benedict, now a happy Benedict, left his team in the stable, and took the down train in the evening, going down to San Francisco with his bride on their wedding tour. Brownlie is thus far out a team on the arrangement, which is cating its head off in Suisun, while the lovers are enjoying themselves in other climes.

Suicides.

Ir would be a nice question for the moral philosopher to determine whether horrors tend to propagate horrors; whether the great disasters by fire and flood, which have been sweeping across the country, and indeed the entire world, this year, have been the immediate cause of the smaller and more individual disasters which have broken out in almost every village in the land. We refer particularly to suicides. France has long enjoyed the rather unenviable distinction of setting suicide fashions for the world, but during the past year, the United States, in proportion to population, will certainly far surpass that country. We have not yet arrived at his fastidious instincts, he must go "de cently and in order," and with a certain degree of celat and clan attending his taking off. With our more practical notions and characteristic burry, we "stand not upon the order of our going, but go at once," helter-skelter, and in all manner of bizarre and coarse exits.

Hitherto, these unnatural methods of closing up accounts with the world have been confined to a certain few of the most

niserable of mankind, who had been re

duced by liquor to insanity, or who had been driven to the verge of madness by

an incurable disease, escape from which could only be found in the outlet of death. But at present the most trivial cause is made the pretext for suicide. It is almost impossible to take up the most remote village paper without finding in it an account of a local suicide. Country towns supply more of these vio-lent deaths, proportionately, than the cities, whereas, previous to this year, the reverse was the case. A short time since a man hanged himself because Darwin had proved man's descent from the monkey, and thereby unwittingly furnished a striking exemplification of the truth of the distinguished naturalist's theory of the origin of species. Several cases have occurred, recently, where children of tender age have killed themselves because they were corrected by their parents. A silly Indiana school-girl, the other day, took poison because she failed in one of her the brink of Lewiston Falls and jumped over. A woman in the interior of this State, the other day, took poison because her husband forbade her going to a ball. "Steamboat," "October," "September."
I believe only one word was missed, and that was "Waterproof."
A third class was employed in writing out on the board descriptions of the various objects in an engraving which was held up by their teacher. This was done

See Age of the control of the contro

energetic farmer, who resides in the fam-ine district on the west side of the San Joaquin River, who, during the season,